

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 11/01/2026 3:24 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land At Rose Farm Downs Road Istead Rise Gravesend Kent
Proposal:	Outline planning application for the demolition of 64 Downs Road and erection of up to 154No. residential dwellings (including affordable housing), with all matters reserved except for access. Creation of a new access from Downs Road.
Case Officer:	Adeoye Lawal

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Istead Rise, Gravesend

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: I strongly object to the proposed housing development behind Downs Road in Istead Rise.

This plan threatens to destroy one of the most cherished green spaces in our village. The field at the bottom of the hill, shown in the council's own promotional photo, is not just land-it's part of our daily lives and memories. My brother and I walked past that view every day on our way to school. It's a view that shaped our childhood and continues to define the character of Istead Rise.

What makes this even harder to accept is the council's recent actions. They have already cut down 15 mature apple trees and removed precious green space that we grew up playing on.

directly in front of our home to build 10 social housing flats. While we understand the need for housing, the way this was done-without genuine regard for the environment or the community-was deeply upsetting. And then, just after construction began, the council posted on Facebook about protecting Gravesham's countryside, using a photo of Istead Rise. That felt like a slap in the face. How can they talk about preserving nature while actively destroying it?

This proposed development would only continue that damage. It would erase vital habitats, increase flood risk, and overwhelm our already stretched infrastructure. Istead Rise is special because of its greenbelt setting, its orchards, hedgerows, and open fields. Once these are gone, they're gone for good.

Please listen to the voices of local residents. This development is not appropriate for our village, and it does not reflect the needs or wishes of the community.

Kind regards